

**CHAPTER NO. 263**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1968**

**By Representatives Winningham, Henri Brooks**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 868**

**By Senator Fowler**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to open records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f) All records, employment applications, credentials and similar documents obtained by any person in conjunction with an employment search for a director of schools or any chief public administrative officer shall at all times, during business hours, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of Tennessee, and those in charge of such records shall not refuse such right of inspection to any citizen, unless otherwise provided by state law. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "person" includes a natural person, corporation, firm, company, association or any other business entity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 16, 2005**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEEN, GOVERNOR